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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled
IMPROVEMENTS IN AND RELATING TO KARABINERS

the specification of which

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is attached hereto.

was filed on October 10, 2001 as

Application Serial No. 09/975,088

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(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

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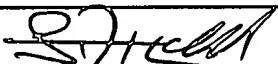
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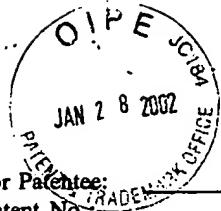
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VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 C.F.R. 1.9(f) AND 1.27(c) - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN)

I hereby declare that I am

the owner of the small business concern identified below:
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I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention, entitled: Improvements In And Relating To Karabiners
by the inventor(s): Frederick Allan HALL described in:

the specification filed herewith.
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 patent no. _____, issued _____.

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